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SUBJECT: EC/CANADA AGREEMENT

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1. FRANCE, AND, FINALLY, THE UK HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR INSTITUTIONAL OB-

JECTIONS TO THE COMMISSION CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH CANADA WITH THE BROAD SCOPE IT HAS PROPOSED. THEIR POSITION WILL BE SAFEGUARDED BY STATEMENTS IN THE AGREEMENT AND IN THE RECORDS OF THE INTRA-COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THEIR ASSENT IN THIS CASE DOES NOT PREJUDICE THEIR POSITION WITH REGARD TO COMMISSION COMPETENCE.

2. A COMMISSION COURSE NOW EXPECTS RATHER ROUTINE APPROVAL OF THE NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AT THEIR DECEMBER 3-4 MEETING. THE FIRST ROUND OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CANADIANS COULD THEN BEGIN JUST BEFORE OR, MORE LIKELY, JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS.

3. A WORKING GROUP OF OFFICIALS FROM THE PERMREPS IS COMPLETING WORK ON DETAILS OF THE GUIDELINES. THE ONE NEW ELEMENT THAT

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HAS ARISEN IS A DANISH PROPOSAL THAT THE AGREEMENT IN

SOME WAY DEAL WITH CANADA'S MAINTAINING LOWER DOMESTIC PRICES FOR ENERGY THAN IT SETS FOR EXPORT. OFFICIALS BOTH IN THE COMMISSION AND OTHER PERMREPS ARE PUZZLED ABOUT HOW TO DEAL WITH THE DANISH POINT. THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT CURRENTLY IMPORT OIL FROM CANADA. FURTHER MORE, IT IS HARD TO SEE HOW TO COVER THIS ISSUE IN THE AGREEMENT ITSELF. THEY DO THINK THIS IS THE SORT OF PROBLEM WHICH, IF IT EVER BECOMES REAL RATHER THAN HYPOTHETICAL, COULD BE A PROPER SUBJECT FOR CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT. IN ANY CASE, THEY DO NOT VIEW THE DANISH PROPOSAL AS A ROAD-BLOCK TO WINDING UP WORK ON THE NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES. MORRIS

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